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News and Notes from the
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JUNE
TOP 20 TITHES
Received by July 15
(Per Capita)

De Colores MCC, Eagle Rock, CA	$32.34
MCC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC	24.58
MCC of the Pomona Valley, Pomona, CA	24.38
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	23.40
Rio Grande Valley MCC, Brownsville, TX	20.56
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA	19.81
MCC of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, MO	15.40
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN	15.07
MCC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA	14.43
Family of Peace MCC, Overland Park, KS	13.45
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	13.43
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	13.38
Christ the Liberator MCC, Princeton, NJ	13.11
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX	12.36
The Church of New Hope MCC, Waterloo, IA	11.86
MCC of Tucson Truth Chapel Family, So. Tucson, AZ	11.70
MCC San Diego, San Diego, CA	11.34
Trinity MCC, New York, NY	10.66
MCC New Haven, New Haven, CT	10.53
Pikes Peak MCC, Colorado Springs, CO	10.46

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MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX	$1504.27
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	649.04
MCC Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA	641.81
MCC San Diego, San Diego, CA	622.77
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	621.86
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA	592.48
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	585.12
MCC Portland, Portland, OR	574.83
Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco, CA	448.37
MCC of the Pomona Valley, Pomona, CA	436.36
MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	411.09
MCC of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, MO	405.26
Agape MCC, Ft. Worth, TX	399.19
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX	333.25
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN	330.10
MCC of Tampa, Tampa, FL	316.84
MCC of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC	314.73
MCC District of Columbia, Washington, DC	312.62
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL	277.40
MCC of Seattle, Seattle, WA	263.37

GENERAL CONFERENCE XI UPDATE. In the middle of a Toronto heat wave, UFMCC celebrated its 11th General Conference, with over 700 registrants and hundreds of other attendees at worship services and on the weekends.

The Board of Elders (especially the Treasurer) is happy to report that the Conference at least broke even on expenses. Thanks for your cooperation in helping us do that. Rev. Elder Charlie Arehart retired at this Conference from the Board of Elders after 7 years of service. Many thanks to you, Charlie.

Rev. Elder Donald Eastman, of Dallas, Texas, is our new Elder. Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey and Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson were re-elected, Harvey for a second term, Wilson for a third. The Elders re-elected these current officers: Moderator: Rev. Elder Troy Perry; Vice Moderator: Rev. Elder Freda Smith ; Treasurer: Elder Michael Mank; Clerk: Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson; Executive Secretary of World Church Extension: Rev. Elder Jean White. (The next Board of Elders meeting will be November 12-15, 1983 in Los Angeles, CA, following the Western Clergy Conference in San Diego, CA).

OTHER ACTIONS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE INCLUDED:

Election of Chair of the Commission on the Laity - Ms. Jackie Walker, Sojourner MCC, Ferndale, MI.
Assistant Chair - Mr. Larry Rodriguez, MCC, Los Angeles, CA.

Election of the Chair of the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee - Rev. Claudia Vierra, Boise, ID.

Chair of Sub-Committee on Standards: Rev. Brenda Cisneros-Hunt, MCC Detroit, MI.

Chair of Sub-Committee on Concerns: Rev. Karen Ziegler, MCC New York.

Sub-Committee on Student Clergy - Rev. Ken Martin, MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.

The Proposal for Fellowship Re-structuring (Articles V and VI, especially of the By-Laws) by the Commission on Government, Structures and Systems, was referred back to the Commission for time for additional feedback and consideration by churches and Districts. The proposal will be considered for adoption at the 1985 General Conference in Sacramento, CA.

The Board of Elders was instructed to work with the Third World Ministry Department to implement the recommendations coming from the first Third World Gay and Lesbian Christian Conference. The recommendations call for more Third World representation at all levels of the Fellowship.

Several By-Law changes were passed including that a lay person may now be elected District Coordinator; more definition of requirements for Mission and Charter status; and clearer definitions about titheable income. In addition, initial license to the professional ministry of UFMCC shall be for one year only, and biennially after that first year.

A plan for a Board of Pensions and beginning assessment for a pension trust and the basic outline for an actual pension plan, were all passed by the General Conference.

This year, for the first time, a District-based, representative, Fellowship Finance Committee submitted the budget to General Conference. It was passed with minor amendments and includes funding for the Fellowship headquarters, publications, World Church Extension, Samaritan Education Ministries, Commission and Committee work.

It also included Financial procedures and the process for budget review over the next two years. There were major budget cuts in program and personnel, basically reflecting a more realistic 1983-85 budget.

The recommendation from the Commission on Government Structures and Systems for a method for seating Study Groups failed at this Conference. Throughout the Conference substitute motions were offered, but none passed. There was also considerable discussion about observers, and who did or did not have a voice on the floor of General Conference.

14 resolutions were passed by the 11th General Conference, including statements supporting both unilateral and bilateral nuclear weapons freeze; and two resolutions on AIDS; other resolutions dealt with diverse issues such as tithing, Student Clergy, lay people consecrating communion, World Church Extension consciousness raising; and our thanks to out-going Samaritan Dean, Rev. Lucia Chappelle. (See the August-September issue of JOURNEY for comprehensive reporting on General Conference and resolutions).

MCC AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES UPDATE: The National Council of Churches will have its Governing Board meeting in Hartford, CT, November 9, 10, 11, 1983. They are scheduled, at that time, to accept or not accept the report of the Constituent Membership Committee which states that it finds the UFMCC eligible for membership in the Council.

MCC AND AIDS: The Board of Elders offered a major resolution to the General Conference concerning AIDS.

If you are involved in a local or regional AIDS project, please let us know and the name of your project, address, phone, etc., your role and areas of expertise. We need this information as soon as possible. Send it to:

UFMCC "AIDS" ACTION
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., No. 304
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Thank you for your cooperation.

WESTERN CLERGY CONFERENCE in North America will be held November 8-11, 1983 in San Diego, CA, using the new facilities of MCC San Diego. The program promises to be a full and exciting one, including Dr. James Nelson, author of EMBODIMENT. In addition, Sharon Tobin, a therapist and student of Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, will be presenting an adjunct program on issues of death and dying, grief and loss, on November 7, the day before Clergy Conference begins. Registration information is forthcoming. Plan to attend and take advantage of these exciting resources.

GENERAL CONFERENCE XI
CONFERENCE CASSETTES

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ALL PROCEEDINGS – 14 CASSETTES + ALBUM - $69.00

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.....03 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
.....04 EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
.....05 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
.....06 EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
THURSDAY, JULY 14
..... 07 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
.....08 ADDRESS BY DR. VIRGINIA MOLLENKOTT
.....09 EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
FRIDAY, JULY 15
.....10 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
.....11 EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
SATURDAY, JULY 16
.....12 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
.....13 EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
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